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# “HEAD TO TOE” BRIDGE INSPECTION REQUIRES LANE CLOSURE

*Gainesville, Ga.* – Georgia DOT will begin a “head to toe” inspection of the State Route 53/Dawsonville Highway westbound bridge, also known as the Jerry Jackson Bridge at Gainesville Marina tomorrow.

**What:** One lane will be closed as crews inspect the bridge from above and below. Engineers will utilize a snooper that has a basket and can carry a person under the bridge while the equipment sits on top of the bridge. “The snooper looks like a big arm is reaching around then under the bridge. You may not see much happening while you drive across the bridge but the inspection is going on the underside the bridge,” explained Billy Cantrell, District Maintenance Engineer.

**When:** One of two lanes will be closed beginning tomorrow, March 13 weekdays through March 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. if the weather cooperates

**Where:** SR 53/Dawsonville Highway westbound Bridge over the Chattahoochee River portion of Lake Lanier at Gainesville Marina in Gainesville. No lane closures will occur on the eastbound bridge.

“We know the repair plan will require the driving surface be replaced to eliminate the potholing happening on the driving surface now. Once the inspection is complete and data is reviewed, a plan will be developed including any other needed work. We are pushing to let the repair contract in December and have the work start in early 2014. Please bear with us as we continue patching the potholes as they develop until then,” concluded Cantrell.

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